

# ANALYTICS ENABLE POST-HOC SIGNAL REVIEW TO SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING IN NEUROLOGY PROGRAM



## OVERVIEW

A pharmaceutical sponsor partnered with Signant Health to perform post-hoc analysis of their Phase II neurology trial that showed inconsistent efficacy signals. Signant's PureSignal Analytics solution provided detailed investigation of contradictory findings between site and central raters, delivering evidence-based insights to support the sponsor's go/no-go pipeline decision-making.

## TRIAL SUMMARY

**Study Phase:** II

**Therapeutic Area:** Neurology

**Patient Population:** Adult

**Geographic Scope:** 1 country

**Number of Sites:** 20+

**Number of Patients:** 90+

**Number of COAs:** 8

**Languages:** 1

## CHALLENGES

- ① The sponsor faced a difficult R&D decision-making challenge when the Phase II trial results showed **contradictory efficacy signals between site and central raters** for key clinical outcome assessments (COAs), including the primary endpoint.
- ② While site rater data suggested treatment-placebo separation, central rater assessments failed to demonstrate this effect.
- ③ This discrepancy created **significant uncertainty around the true treatment effect** and complicated the sponsor's ability to make confident go/no-go decisions for their drug development program.

## **SOLUTIONS**

- ① Signant performed a comprehensive **post-hoc analysis** using its **PureSignal Analytics** solution to investigate the source of discrepancy between site and central rater findings.
  - ② PureSignal Analytics is a **specialized solution** that deploys proprietary algorithms specifically **tailored to study endpoints** to identify and interpret COA administration and scoring issues that might impact the study's ability to **distinguish treatment intervention effects**.
  - ③ Using purpose-built analytics to examine scoring patterns, inter-rater variability, and site-level trends that might **explain the contradictory results**, the solution provided data-driven insights to support the sponsor's development program decision-making.
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## **RESULTS**

- The comprehensive post-hoc analysis uncovered **one investigative site with highly problematic data** patterns. When data from this site was **excluded from analysis**, the apparent treatment-placebo separation in the site rater data was no longer evident, aligning with the central rater findings.
- This insight suggested that the original positive signal was driven by data quality issues rather than true treatment effects, leading to Signant's **recommendation of a no-go decision** to the sponsor.
- This analysis demonstrates the value of specialized, clinically-driven endpoint analytics in supporting **evidence-based decisions** and potentially avoiding costly late-phase failures for drug development programs.

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